

**ME 461 – Fatigue and Fracture  
Homework 5**

**Due:**

**Fri., April 10 (on-campus students)**

**Fri., Apr. 24 (outreach students)**

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(All problems are from the textbook)

Problem 7.1

$$\frac{\sigma_y}{S} = 1 + 0.5 \left(\frac{r}{x}\right)^2 + 1.5 \left(\frac{r}{x}\right)^4 = 1 + 0.5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 1.5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = 1.219$$

$$\frac{\sigma_x}{S} = 1.5 \left(\frac{r}{x}\right)^2 - 1.5 \left(\frac{r}{x}\right)^4 = 1.5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 1.5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = 0.281$$

or  $\sigma_y = 1.219 S$  and  $\sigma_x = 0.281 S$

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_x}{E} = \frac{1.219 S}{70000} - \frac{0.33(0.281 S)}{70000} = 0.002$$

or  $S = 124 \text{ MPa}$

If uniaxial stress state is assumed:

$$\epsilon_y = \frac{\sigma_y}{E} \text{ or } 0.002 = \frac{1.219 S}{70000}$$

resulting in  $S = 115 \text{ MPa}$

By assuming a uniaxial stress state, the error is.

$$\frac{124 - 115}{124} \times 100 = 7\%$$

Note that this error is on the non-conservative side as the nominal stress,  $S$ , is underestimated by assuming a uniaxial stress state.

### Problem 7.8

$$S_u = 700 \text{ MPa}$$

$$k_t = 1.9 \text{ (from prob. 7.3)}$$

$$S_f/k_f = 32M_e/\pi d^3, \quad S_f \approx 0.5 S_u = 0.5(700) = 350 \text{ MPa}$$

The fatigue limit for bending decreases by a factor of about 0.7 to 0.8 as the diameter increases. Here we use a factor of 0.75, such that  $S_f = 0.75(350) = 263 \text{ MPa}$ .

Peterson's equation:  $k_f = 1 + \frac{k_t - 1}{1 + \frac{a}{r}}$

$$a = 0.0254 \left( \frac{2070}{S_u} \right)^{1.8} = 0.0254 \left( \frac{2070}{700} \right)^{1.7} = 0.179 \text{ mm}$$

$$\text{then } k_f = 1 + \frac{1.9 - 1}{1 + \frac{0.179}{2}} = 1.83$$

If we use Neuber's equation,  $k_f = 1 + \frac{k_t - 1}{1 + \sqrt{e}/r}$

$$\sqrt{e} = 0.32 \sqrt{\text{mm}} \text{ from Fig. 7.7.}$$

$$\text{then } k_f = 1 + \frac{1.9 - 1}{1 + \frac{0.32}{\sqrt{2}}} = 1.73$$

Based on Peterson's equation,  $\frac{S_f}{k_f} = \frac{263}{1.83} = 144 \text{ MPa}$

$$144 = \frac{32 M_a}{\pi (50)^3} \quad \text{or } M_a = 1.77 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}$$

Based on Neuber's equation,  $\frac{S_f}{k_f} = \frac{263}{1.73} = 152 \text{ MPa}$

Problem 7.13

$$D/d = 50/40 = 1.25, \quad \frac{r}{d} = \frac{2}{40} = 0.05$$

From Fig. 7.3(a),  $k_t = 2.2$

$S_f$  for steels in bending is about  $0.5 S_u$  for  $S_u \leq 1400$  MPa and about 700 MPa for  $S_u > 1400$  MPa. For 2024-T3 and 7075-T6 aluminum alloys,  $S_f$  is given in Table A.1.

For 5456-H3 aluminum,  $S_f$  can be approximated from stress-life equation and properties listed in Table A.2:

$$S_f = \sigma'_f (2N_f)^b = 826 (2 \times 10^8)^{-0.115} = 92 \text{ MPa}$$

$S_f$  values for bending should be reduced by 10 to 25 percent to be used for axial loading. Here we use

$$(S_f)_{\text{axial}} \approx 0.85 (S_f)_{\text{bending}}$$

$K_f$  can be calculated from Peterson's equation:

$$K_f = 1 + \frac{k_t - 1}{1 + a/r}, \quad \text{with } a = 0.0254 \left( \frac{2070}{S_u} \right)^{1.8} \text{ for steels, and } a \approx 0.635 \text{ mm for aluminum alloys.}$$

knowing  $S_f$  and  $K_f$ ,  $S_f/K_f$  could then be calculated, from which fully reversed alternating force  $P_a$  can be calculated from:

$$P_a = (S_f/K_f)A, \quad \text{where } A = \frac{\pi}{4}(40)^2 = 1257 \text{ mm}^2.$$

The results are summarized in the following Table;

Material	$S_u$ (MPa)	$S_f$ (MPa)	$a$ (mm)	$K_f$	$S_f/K_f$ (MPa)	$P_a$ (kN)
RQC-100	931	396	0.107	2.14	185	232
4340	827	351	0.132	2.13	165	208
4340	1240	527	0.064	2.16	244	306
4340	1468	595	0.047	2.17	274	344
4142	1930	595	0.029	2.18	273	343
2024-T3	482	117	0.635	1.91	61	77
5456-H3	400	92	0.635	1.91	48	60
7075-T6	572	134	0.635	1.91	70	88

To find  $P_a$  if proper compressive residual stresses are present, we need to construct the Haigh diagram for each material. The properties needed are listed below (from Table A.2). Note

that  $S_{cat} \approx 30$  MPa for mild steel

$\approx 70$  MPa for hard steel

$\approx 20$  MPa for high strength aluminum.

Material	$S_y$ (MPa)	$S_y'$ (MPa)	$\sigma_f$ (MPa)	$S_{cct}$ (MPa)	$S_f$ (MPa)	$S_f/K_f$ (MPa)
a) RQC-100	883	600	1330	30	396	185
b) 4340 ( $S_u=827$ )	634	471*	1172**	30	351	165
c) 4340 ( $S_u=1240$ )	1178	805*	1585**	70	527	244
d) 4340 ( $S_u=1468$ )	1371	863*	1813**	70	595	274
e) 4142	1722	1338*	2275**	70	595	273
f) 2024-T3	379	427	558	20	117	61
g) 5456-H3	234	332*	745**	20	92	48
h) 7075-T6	469	524	745	20	134	70

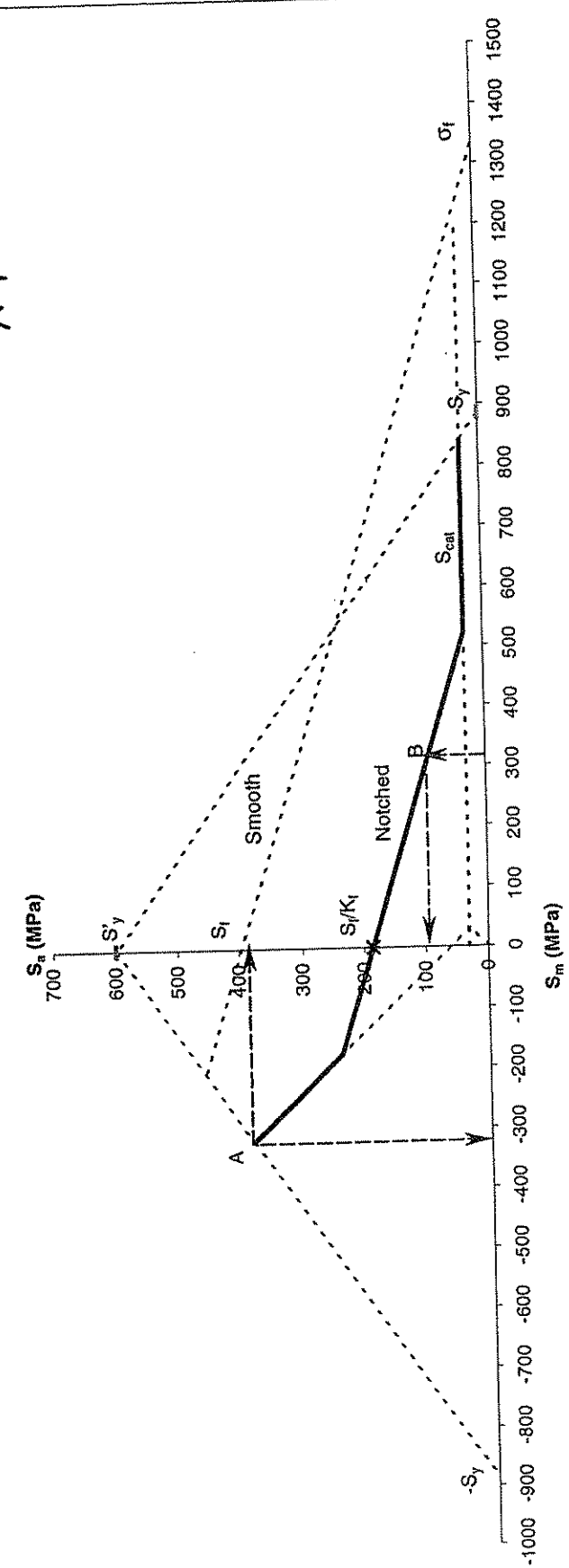
\* For this material  $S_y'$  is estimated from:

$S_y' \approx k' (0.002)^{n'}$ , where  $k'$  and  $n'$  are given in Table A.2.

\*\* For the purpose of constructing Haigh diagram, exact value of  $\sigma_f$  is not needed, as the diagram is not very sensitive to its value. Since  $\sigma_f$  is not listed in Table A.2 for this material, we use Eq. 5.20 to approximate it as  $\sigma_f \approx S_u + 345$ . This equation is for steels, but here we assume it is reasonable for 5456-H3 Al too. The Haigh diagram for each material is constructed as shown.

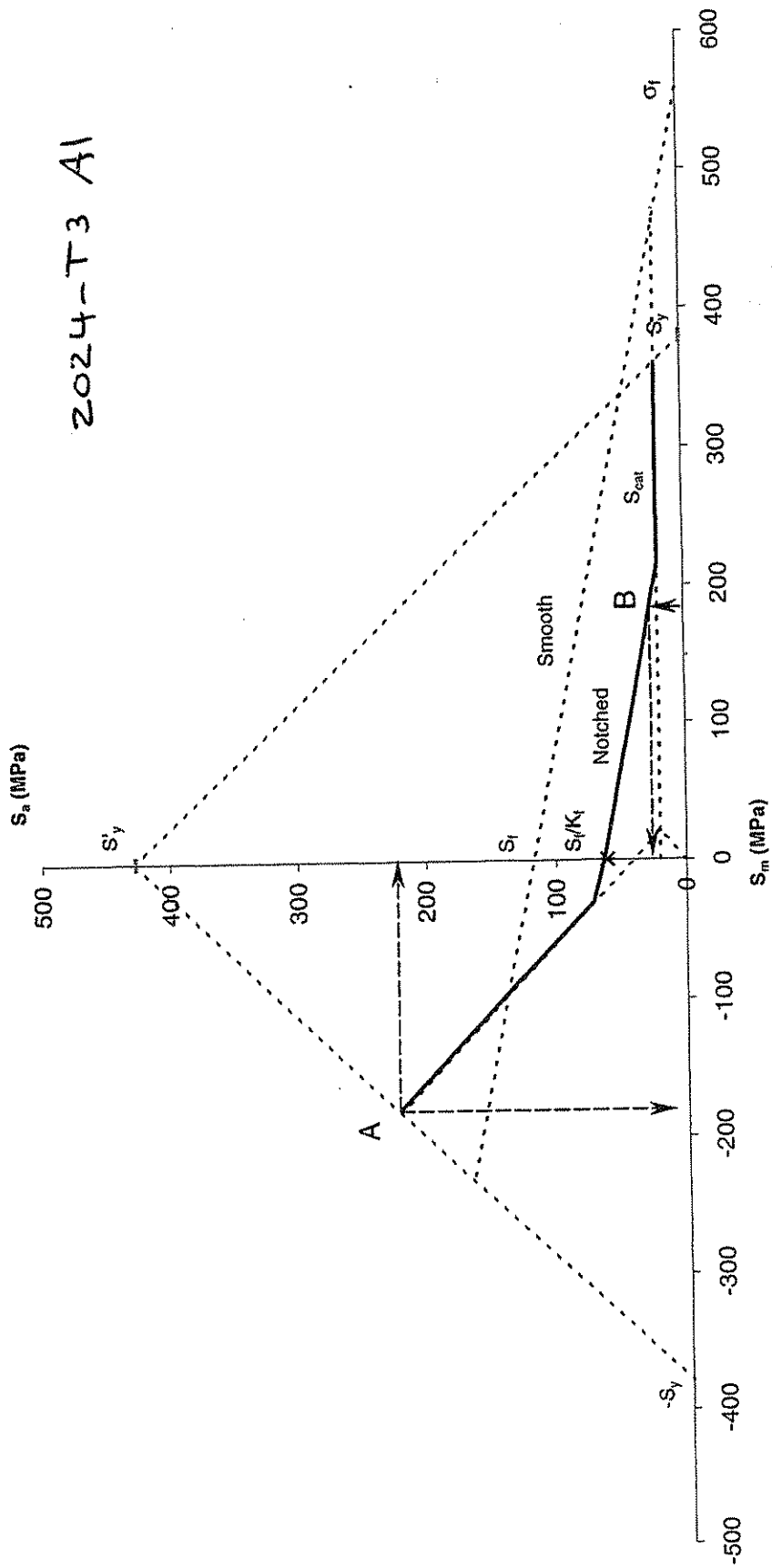
RQC-100

Problem 7.13 (b) (c)



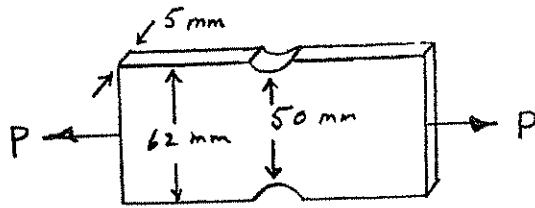
2024-T3 Al

Problem 7.13 (b) (c)





problem 7.17



$\epsilon = 0.002$  at 40 kN

$\epsilon = 0.0025$  at yielding

$\epsilon = 0.0065$  at 80 kN

At 0.002 notch strain, notch behavior is elastic

and  $\sigma = \epsilon E = (0.002)(200000) = 400 \text{ MPa}$

then,  $S_{net} = P/A = 40000 / (50)(5) = 160 \text{ MPa}$

$K_t = \sigma / S_{net} = 400 / 160 = 2.5$

At 80 kN force, notch behavior is inelastic since notch strain is larger than 0.002. Nominal net section behavior, however, is elastic since

$e = \frac{S}{E} = \frac{(80000) / (5)(50)}{200000} = \frac{320}{200000} = 0.0016 < 0.0025$

$K_E = \frac{\epsilon}{e} = \frac{0.0065}{0.0016} = 4.1$  This is actual (measured) value.

Linear rule:  $K_E = K_t = 2.5$

Neuber's rule:  $\epsilon \sigma = (K_t S)^2 / E = (2.5 \times 320)^2 / 200000 = 3.2$

Solve with  $\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{200000} + \left(\frac{\sigma}{950}\right)^{0.1} \Rightarrow \epsilon = 0.0060$

$K_E = \frac{0.006}{0.0016} = 3.75$

Strain energy density rule:

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{200000} + \frac{2\sigma}{0.1+1} \left(\frac{\sigma}{950}\right)^{\frac{1}{0.1}} = \frac{(2.5 \times 320)^2}{200000} = 3.2$$

This results in  $\sigma = 511$  MPa

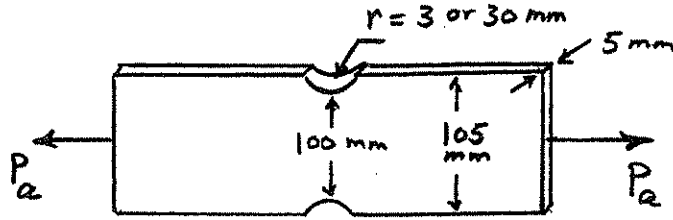
$$\text{then } \epsilon = \frac{511}{200000} + \left(\frac{511}{950}\right)^{\frac{1}{0.1}} = 0.0046$$

$$k_{\epsilon} = \frac{0.0046}{0.0016} = 2.86$$

As can be seen from these results,  $k_{\epsilon}$  based on Neuber's rule is closer to the measured  $k_{\epsilon}$ . Also,  $k_{\epsilon}$  based on Glinka's rule falls between predictions from the linear rule and Neuber's rule.

Problem 7.19

RQC-100 steel sheet  
subjected to fully  
reversed force,  $P_a = 220 \text{ kN}$ .



- For  $r = 3 \text{ mm}$ , using  $\epsilon-N$  approach determine life to appearance of small crack  $\approx 1 \text{ mm}$  long.
- Determine life to fracture
- Compare (a) and (b) and discuss significance of difference
- Repeat parts (a) thru (c) for  $r = 30 \text{ mm}$ .

Material properties are listed in Table A.2.

$$a) \quad \epsilon_a = \frac{\sigma_f'}{E} (2N_f)^b + \epsilon_f' (2N_f)^c = \frac{1240}{207000} (2N_f)^{-0.07} + 0.66 (2N_f)^{-0.69}$$

This is a thin plate and Neuber's rule with  $k_f$  for cyclic loading is reasonable.

$$\frac{H}{d} = \frac{105}{100} = 1.05, \quad \frac{r}{d} = \frac{3}{100} = 0.03$$

from Fig. 7.4 (a),  $k_t = 2.75$

Using Peterson's equation,  $a = 0.0254 \left( \frac{2070}{931} \right)^{1.8} = 0.107 \text{ mm}$

$$k_f = 1 + \frac{k_t - 1}{1 + \frac{a}{r}} = 1 + \frac{2.75 - 1}{1 + \frac{0.107}{3}} = 2.69$$

$$S_a = \frac{P_a}{A} = \frac{220 \times 10^3}{(100)(5)} = 440 \text{ MPa} \quad \text{and} \quad S_{max} = S_a = 440 \text{ MPa}$$

note that  $S_{max} = 440 \text{ MPa} < 0.8 S_y' = 0.8(600) = 480 \text{ MPa}$ .

Therefore, the nominal behavior is elastic.

At the root of the notch however,  $K_t S_{max} = (2.75)(440) = 1210 \text{ MPa} > S_y'$   
and therefore the notch behavior is inelastic.

$$\Delta\sigma \Delta\epsilon = \frac{(k_f \Delta S)^2}{E} = \frac{(2.69 \times 880)^2}{207000} = 27.1$$

$$\Delta\epsilon = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{E} + 2 \left( \frac{\Delta\sigma}{2k'} \right)^{1/n'} = \frac{\Delta\sigma}{207000} + 2 \left( \frac{\Delta\sigma}{2 \times 1434} \right)^{1/0.14}$$

resulting in  $\Delta\sigma = 1408 \text{ MPa}$ ,  $\Delta\epsilon = 0.0192$

Therefore,  $\epsilon_a = \Delta\epsilon/2 = 0.0096$ . Note that the mean stress is zero since the loading is completely reversed.

$$0.0096 = \frac{1240}{207000} (2N_f)^{-0.07} + 0.66 (2N_f)^{-0.69} \quad \text{or } N_f = 470 = N_{in}$$

b) First estimate the transitional crack length,  $l'$ , to check for small crack growth effect. Equation 7.33 in the text is based on Eq. 7.32 for a central crack in a wide plate. For other geometries, the geometry correction factor,  $\alpha$ , and consideration of  $S_{not}$  &  $S_{gross}$  needs to be added to Eq. 7.32 yielding:

$$l' = \frac{C}{\left[ \frac{1.12 K_t}{\alpha} \frac{A_{gross}}{A_{net}} \right]^2 - 1}$$

For the double-notched plate given,  $2a/w = 5/105 \approx 0.05$  resulting in  $Y = 2$  from Fig. 6.3(c) and  $\alpha = Y/\sqrt{\pi} = 1.12$ .

Then,

$$l' = \frac{2.5}{\left[ \frac{(1.12)(2.75)}{1.12} \left( \frac{105}{100} \right) \right]^2 - 1} = 0.34 \text{ mm} < 1 \text{ mm}$$

This means the small crack effect can be neglected and  $a_i = 2.5 \text{ mm} + 1 \text{ mm} = 3.5 \text{ mm}$ . Crack growth equation for RQC-100 steel

is given in the example problem in Section 7.5 as:

$$da/dN = 2.8 \times 10^{-12} (\Delta k)^{3.25} \quad \text{for SI units.}$$

$K_{IC}$  is also given to be  $165 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  for 9.5 mm thickness. The  $K_{IC}$  value for the 5 mm thickness in this problem will be larger, but we'll assume the  $165 \text{ MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$  as a conservative estimate.

We first find crack length at fracture from:

$$K_{IC} = Y \frac{P}{BW} \sqrt{a_f}, \quad \text{where } Y \text{ is given in Fig. 6.3(c).}$$

$$\text{let } Y \approx 2, \text{ then } 165 = 2 \frac{220000}{(5)(105)} \sqrt{a_f}$$

$$\text{or } a_f = 0.0388 \text{ m} = 39 \text{ mm and } 2a = 78 \text{ mm.}$$

This is too large compared to the available width.

Therefore, calculate  $2a_f$  at net section yielding:

$$S_{net} = S_y' = \frac{P_{max}}{A_{net}} = \frac{220000}{(5)(105 - 2a_f)} = 600$$

$$\text{or } a_f = 16 \text{ mm}$$

$$a_f/w = 16/105 = 0.15 \text{ and } Y \approx 2 \text{ from } a_i \text{ to } a_f.$$

$$\text{Therefore, } N_f = \frac{a_f^{-\frac{n}{2}+1} - a_i^{-\frac{n}{2}+1}}{(-\frac{n}{2}+1)A(\Delta S)^n Y^n}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta S = S_{max} - 0 = 220000 / (5)(105) = 419 \text{ MPa}$$

$$N_f = \frac{(0.016)^{-\frac{3.25}{2}+1} - (0.0035)^{-\frac{3.25}{2}+1}}{(-\frac{3.25}{2}+1)(2.8 \times 10^{-12})(419)^{3.25}(2)^{3.25}} = 3800 \text{ cycles} = N_f$$

c) Comparing crack nucleation life in part (a) of 470 cycles to crack propagation life in part (b) of 3800 cycles, we can conclude that fatigue behavior is dominated by crack growth.

d) Part (c) for  $r=30$  mm:

$$\frac{r}{d} = \frac{30}{100} = 0.3, \text{ Fig. 7.4 (a) gives } k_t = 1.5$$

$$\text{Then } k_f = 1 + \frac{1.5 - 1}{1 + \frac{0.107}{30}} \approx 1.5$$

Note that notch behavior is still inelastic since  $k_t S_{max} = (1.5)(440) = 660 \text{ MPa} > S_y = 600 \text{ MPa}$ .

similar to the solution for part (a):

$$\Delta \sigma \Delta \epsilon = \frac{(1.5 \times 880)^2}{207000} = 8.42$$

$$\Delta \epsilon = \frac{\Delta \sigma}{207000} + 2 \left( \frac{\Delta \sigma}{2 \times 1434} \right)^{0.14} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} \Delta \sigma &= 1108 \text{ MPa} \\ \Delta \epsilon &= 0.0076 \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\epsilon_a = 0.0038$  and

$$0.0038 = \frac{1240}{207000} (2N_f)^{-0.07} + 0.66 (2N_f)^{-0.69} \Rightarrow N_f = 9000 = N_h$$

part (b) for  $r=30$  mm remains the same as that for  $r=3$  mm with  $N_g=3800$  cycles, except that the small crack effect is more significant since

$$l' = \frac{2.5}{\left[ \frac{(1.12)(1.5)}{1.12} \left( \frac{105}{100} \right) - 1 \right]} = 1.2 \text{ mm is greater than}$$

the initial crack length of 1 mm.

We see that when  $r=30$  mm, the fatigue life is now dominated by crack nucleation. Also, the total life for  $r=30$  mm is about 13000 cycles, whereas for  $r=3$  mm, it is about 4000 cycles.